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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

**(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See *The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

To: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Attorney Docket No.:826.1763
First Named Inventor	Isao NAMBA	
Application No.	09/971,959	Group Art Unit 2151
Filing Date	October 9, 2001	Examiner Jean Fleurantin
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No 4104
Title of Invention	RETRIEVAL APPARATUS, RETRIEVAL METHOD AND RETRIEVAL PROGRAM	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 2, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on __
- iii. Other

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other

2.

Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).

b. Other